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GRANTING INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL PEOPLES BY UN
SPECIALIZED AND OTHER AGENCIES

REF: A. STATE 168842, B. GENEVA 5965, C. GENEVA 5888,
D. STATE 163800, E. GENEVA 5673

1. MAINSTREAM DRAFT DECOLONIZATION RESOLUTION UNDER ITEM 23 (I.E., THE SALIM DRAFT REPORTED REFTEL E, WITH SMALL CHANGES) WAS APPROVED BY CONSENSUS IN THE COORDINATION COMMITTEE JULY 21, ACTION HAVING BEEN POSTPONED ALONG WITH THE RESOLUTION ON ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

2. FULL TEXT IS CONTAINED IN SEPTEL, IN WHICH DEPT WILL NOTE THAT THE PRINCIPAL CHANGE IS THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARA 7 (WHICH RAISES NO PROBLEMS FOR US IN THE CONTEXT OF THE WHOLE RESOLUTION), PLUS A FEW SMALL EDITORIAL CHANGES ELSEWHERE. THERE WAS NO OPPORTUNITY AT THIS LATE DATE TO NEGOTIATE WITH SALIM THE CHANGES SUGGESTED IN REFTEL A, THE DRAFTING HAVING BEEN INTRODUCED FORMALLY BY
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YUGOSLAVIA JULY 19 ON BEHALF OF THE G-77.

3. THE US JOINED THE CONSENSUS IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL D, IN COORDINATION WITH CONCERNED WEO'S. WE MADE AN EXPLANATION OF VOTE QUOTED BELOW, FOLLOWING WHICH UK, FRG, FRANCE AND CANADA BY PRE-ARRANGEMENT ASSOCIATED THEMSELVES WITH OUR REMARKS IN

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THEIR CAPACITY AS PARTICIPANTS IN THE FIVE-POWER STATEMENT AT MAPUTO. (DEPT WILL NOTE THAT MUCH OF THE LANGUAGE IN OUR EXPLANATION WAS DRAWN FROM THAT STATEMENT.)

4. FRANCE ELABORATED ITS EXPLANATION BY SAYING IT WOULD HAVE ABSTAINED IF THERE HAD BEEN A VOT SINCE THE UN AGENCIES MENTIONED SHOULD NOT BE INVOLVED IN POLITICAL MATTERS. (THE OTHERS WOULD HAVE VOTED "YES.") CANADA ELABORATED ITS STATEMENT BY EXPRESSING CONGRATULATIONS ON THE AUGMENTATION OF PRESSURES ON THE WHITE MINORITY REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

5. TEXT OF US EXPLANATION FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT.
MY DELEGATION HAS JOINED THE CONSENSUS IN APPROVING THIS RESOLUTION IN A SPIRIT OF SYMPATHY AND SOLIDARITY WITH THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA, AND AS A REAFFIRMATION OF OUR SUPPORT FOR THE PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION. WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES IN LARGE MEASURE WITH THE CONTENTS OF THE RESOLUTION WE HAVE JUST APPROVED, ALTHOUGH WE DO HAVE SOME PROBLEMS WITH SOME OF THE LANGUAGE CONCERNING DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO BE PROVIDED BY UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES TO NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN AFRICA. WE CONSIDER THAT THE TYPES OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

ASSISTANCE REFERRED TO SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE CAREFULLY DEFINED.

MR. CHAIRMAN, THE UNITED STATES WELCOMED THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION OF MAPUTO, WHICH ARE REFERRED TO IN THIS RESOLUTION. AS WE EXPLAINED IN THE FIVE-POWER STATEMENT ON THAT OCCASION, HOWEVER, WE COULD NOT ASSOCIATE OURSELVES WITH A NUMBER OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION WHICH IN OUR VIEW WOULD PREJUDICE THE RESULTS OF NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS BOTH WITH RESPECT TO NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE. NEVERTHELESS, WE STATED THAT THE BULK OF THOSE DOCUMENTS REPRESENTED OUR VIEWS AND THAT THEY ALSO REPRESENTED A REMARKABLE EFFORT TO CONVEY THE DEGREE OF COMMITMENT AND SOLIDARITY EXISTING ON THESE URGENT ISSUES. WE EXPRESSED AGAIN OUR HOPE FOR PEACEFUL CHANGE AND RACIAL PROGRESS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.
END TEXT.VANDEN HEUVEL

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